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In re application of

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Serial No. NEW : **Attn: Application Branch**

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OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS,
AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/671,107,
Filed September 28, 2000)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, between the title of the invention and the heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:

This is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of 09/671,107, filed September 28, 2000 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/502,779, filed February 11, 2000 now Patent No. 6,229,955 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/154,896, filed September 17, 1998 now Patent No. 6,078,727.

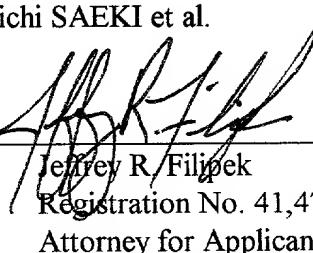
REMARKS

It is requested that the above amendments be entered prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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